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Applicants: Watanabe et al.

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Examiner: Howard V. Owens, Jr.

For: 2'- OR 3'-HYDROMETHYL SUBSTITUTED NUCLEOSIDE DERIVATIVES FOR  
TREATMENT OF HEPATITIS VIRUS INFECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 5, 2003

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2002 in the above-identified application be extended for five months, to and including May 5, 2003. Applicants believe the petition fee to be \$985.00 and request that the Examiner please charge this and any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

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